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TO
 The Honorable President and Members
 of the Baltimore City Council
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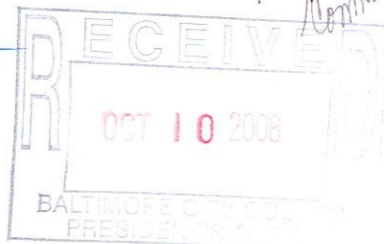
I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 08-0199 introduced by Council President Rawlings Blake on behalf of the Administration (Department of Public Works).

The purpose of the Bill is to authorize the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to sell, at either public or private sale, all its interest in a certain parcel of land known as the former bed of a portion of Callendar Street, contiguous to the east side thereof and extending from Baltimore Street, southerly 137.4 feet, more or less, to Booth Street, and no longer needed for public use.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is a biomedical research institution located in Downtown Baltimore having professional schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, public health, law, social work, and a multi-disciplinary graduate school. UMB is constructing a 10 acre BioPark on the west side of campus by expanding across Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Several buildings have been built or are under construction. A new six-story medical research and office building is planned for the southeast corner of West Baltimore and South Poppleton Streets. However, to provide for the best possible building footprint, UMB would like to close and purchase the bed of Callendar Street, a right-of-way that is located perpendicular to and between West Baltimore and Booth Streets. Ownership of the alley bed requires the purchase of only one half the width of the alley, a 10 foot wide portion along the east side of the right-of-way. The remaining half of the alley bed is already owned by UMB. City Council Bill 08-0199, if approved, would authorize the sale of a portion of this former right-of-way. Companion legislation would open and close Callendar Street to public use (City Council Bills 08-0197 and 08-0198, respectively). Public utilities are present in this portion of right-of-way proposed for closure and sale, but would be abandoned or relocated at the expense of the developer.

Based on these findings, the Department of Public Works supports passage of City Council Bill 08-0199 provided that the opening and closing ordinances are approved.


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